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## *Press Release*

**Councilmember Jean Godden**

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### **Seattle City Council adopts 2011-2012 budget**

*Budget reflects Council dedication to public safety and human services*

**SEATTLE** – Councilmember Jean Godden who serves as the Finance and Budget committee chair released the following statement today on the City’s 2011-2012 approved budget:

“Seattle City Councilmembers approached this year’s budget process by keeping regular folks and our community in mind. The 2011-2012 budget package adopted today, represents budget priorities that best protect human services and public safety.

“We were not able to do all that we wanted in this budget. However, there are some bright spots. While maintaining funding for human services and public safety, the Council voted for budget choices that reinvest in our communities and preserve the Rainy Day fund.

“On behalf of the City Council, I want to share our sincere gratitude to all city workers who provide the services and programs we’ve all come to appreciate. By forgoing cost of living increases and other adjustments, these hardworking men and women have sacrificed to help us balance this difficult budget.

“As we look at the severe impact this economy is also taking on the state and county budgets, we will continue to be diligent to make efficiencies where possible to navigate through this thorny economy.”

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